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Personnel Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Interagency Group/Countermeasures (P)

VIA: Director, Community Counterintelligence and
Security Countermeasures Office

FROM:

Chairman, Personnel Security Committee

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SUBJECT: Remaining Actions Directed in the President's
Report and the SSCI Report

Listed below are the additional items from the President's Report and the SSCI Report on which the Personnel Security Committee (PSC) is taking action. Following each item is a note on current status and planned action. This report should complete the PSC November status report to the chairman.

I. ENHANCE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE WORK FORCE

B. Improve Training

3. Establish government-wide security training objectives and require minimum levels of training and certification for industrial security officers, clearance adjudicators, and other positions requiring consistent standards.

P. 331, SSCI report (Item 59). Lead: PSC

° DoD has established minimum training courses for the facility security officer (FSO) based on recommendations by the cognizant security officer for the facility. As a minimum, the FSO will complete the Essentials of Industrial Security Management correspondence course and attend an Industrial Security Management Course conducted by DoDSI within 12 months of acquiring safeguarding capability. Additional requirements of the recommendation will be reviewed by the PSC in the future.

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C. Increase Security Awareness

3. Strengthen interagency procedures for bringing possible espionage cases to the FBI's attention in a timely manner. The FBI should also be informed when employees with access to extremely sensitive information, such as Howard and Pelton, resign or are dismissed under circumstances indicating potential motivations for espionage.

P. 316, SSCI report (Item 13).

° A Memorandum of Understanding is pending between CIA and the FBI that will establish mutually agreed upon standards and procedures for the timely transmittal of Counterintelligence Information to the FBI by the CIA. In addition, IG/CM(P) members were briefed by CIA representatives as to the changes effected in handling problem cases such as Edward Lee Howard.

II. SAFEGUARD INFORMATION WHOSE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE COULD JEOPARDIZE U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

C. Upgrading Personnel Security

1.c. Prepare an executive branch plan, in consultation with civil liberties experts, for requiring those who receive access to the most sensitive information to agree to expanded post-access foreign travel reporting obligations and/or agency access to relevant financial and travel records. Such a plan should incorporate reasonable safeguards regarding the use of the information.

P. 333, SSCI report (Item 69). Lead: PSC

° Future PSC tasks will consider this recommendation.

6.b. Postpone implementation of the proposal for one-time, short duration access by cleared personnel to the next higher level of classified information until Secret clearance requirements and investigations are upgraded and the IG/CM(P) has reviewed the issue.

P. 333, SSCI report (Item 68) Lead: PSC

° DoD has postponed implementation of the proposal. A credit check has been added by DoD to upgrade the investigation for access to Secret material. Future PSC tasks will address this recommendation.

7. Ensure substantially increased funding for personnel security in all relevant departments and agencies. A government-wide plan should be submitted to Congress to achieve the following goals: (a) elimination of the reinvestigation backlog for Top Secret (including SCI) within four years; and (b) implementation within less than ten years of a program for intensified investigation and reinvestigation for Secret clearances.

P. 332, SSCI report (Item 63) Lead: PSC

° While this recommendation is intended to cover all investigative agencies of the executive branch, DoD has the major problem because it conducts about 90% of all personnel security investigations. The DoD Reorganization Act of 1986 mandates a reduction of 542 DIS personnel by FY89. It can be assumed that this reduction will adversely affect the realization of both (a) and (b). PSC will continue to review this recommendation.

9.b. Reduce the number of clearances held by industry. The DoD goal of a ten percent reduction in FY 1986 should be applied by the DCI (for SCI programs) and the Secretary of Energy.

P. 344, SSCI report (Item 107) Lead: PSC

° Future PSC tasks will address this recommendation as it applies to the DCI and the Secretary of Energy.

III. ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION

C. DoD Use of Polygraph for CI Purposes

° Congress should consider permanent legislation authorizing DoD to use polygraph examinations for personnel security screening with CI-related questions, based on the most recent DoD proposal. If a decision cannot be reached in 1987 because of insufficient test data, then Congress should extend the current test program for fixed period.

P. 335, SSCI report (item 75). Lead: PSC

° The DoD Authorization Act now pending in Congress contains permanent legislation for such a program.

° Strongly support legislation that avoids limiting DoD to a year-to-year numerical ceiling for the conduct of its program. The Secretary of Defense should have the flexibility

to employ resources involving polygraph examiners as he sees fit to maximize their contribution to personnel security, albeit with close and continuing Congressional oversight.

P. 39, President's report. Lead: PSC

° The DoD authorization Act now pending in Congress contains such legislation.

E. Enhancing the Value of Security Questionnaires

° Support the development of a legislative proposal which modifies Title 5 of the US Code to require Government employment applicants to reimburse the government for the cost of investigation should it be determined that entries on the personnel security questionnaire were knowingly falsely made or that material information was purposely withheld.

P. 40 President's report. Lead: PSC

° Future PSC tasks will address the proposed legislation.



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